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SUBJECT: NOTICIAS CONTINUES ITS ANTI-CIA CAMPAIGN

1. LOCAL DAILY NOTICIAS OF MAY 8 CARRIED HALF-PAGE ARTICLE IN CENTER PAGES ENTITLE "CIA ATTEMPTS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POSITIONS IN AFRICA." ARTICLE CLAIMS CIA PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA, LIBERIA, GHANA, NIGERIA, KENYA, ZAIRE, AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. ARTICLE FURTHER ALLEGES THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FREQUENTLY A COVER FOR CIA ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. ARTICLE ALSO REPEATED ALLEGATION THAT CIA RECRUITS AFRICAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN U.S. ARTICLE NAMES FOLLOWING AS CIA OFFICERS IN AFRICA (NEWSPAPER SPELLING) JAMES DADLY HAAZZE AAND JARREL RICHARDSON, ACCRA; DAVID M. ZIMMERMAN AND RICHARD E. PLUES, NIGERIA WILLIAM L. MOSBY JUNIOR, BANGUI.

2. COMMENT: ARTICLE IS A REHASH OF ORIGIANL "REVOLUTION" STORY AND THIS SECOND TIME AROUND FOR LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE (BOTH LOCAL DAILIES PRINTED STORY WHEN IT BROKE IN MARCH). NOTICIAS HAS BEEN IN LAST FEW WEEKS CONTINUALLY PRINTING ANTI-CIA STORIES IN WHAT MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO COUNTER FAVORABLE IMPACT OF SECRETARY'S AFRICAN VISIT. WE STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT GENERATING FORCE BEHIND LOCAL PRESS IS SOVIET EMBASSY, WORKING THROUGH THE AMENABLE ULTRALEFT LEADERSHIP OF LOCAL PAPERS, AND LIKELY WITH AT LEAST PASSIVE COOPERATION OF LOCAL INFORMATION MINISTRY. DE PREE

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